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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: James Leonard Smith

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EXAMINER: Katcheves, Basil S.

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant is submitting herewith this response to the non-final rejection dated August 23, 2004. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by November 23, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response for 3 months from November 23, 2004 to February 23, 2005. The amendment is being submitted in order to place the case in condition for allowance. Please amend the application as follows:

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